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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COSTELLO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 20, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JERRY F. COSTELLO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God and Father of us all, divine Providence has led this Nation in the past and guides all human affairs to this very day. As a Nation, we are in need of wisdom to make right decisions, perseverance to build upon the hopes of Your people, and patience, because the times bear an urgency. So, today, the American people join Congress as we call upon Your holy name and pray in silence for a moment for JOSEPH BIDEN to be Vice President and on behalf of Your servant Barack Obama, our incoming 44th President of the United States of America.

May Your Holy Spirit descend upon him that he may see things as You see things. May he be strengthened in his work and grow in understanding as he proves ever attentive to the people. May he respond to the Nation's deepest needs and lift up all of us to higher standards of equal justice, true goodness and peaceful union. Grant him health and protection, sincere collaboration and renewed faith. Lord, may the people of this Nation and the people around the world stand with him to face any challenge, endure any dif-

ficulty without fear, learn how to accept every success and every failure with grace, and support him with encouragement and prayer, both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HARE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2009.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND REPUBLICAN LEADER BOEHNER: With my recent election to the Committee and Energy and Commerce, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It has been an honor serving with my colleagues on these valued Committees, and I look forward to working for the citizens of Louisiana's First Congressional District on the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sincerely,

STEVE SCALISE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2009.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.
Republican Leader JOHN BOEHNER,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND REPUBLICAN LEADER BOEHNER: With my appointment as ranking member on the Committee on House Administration, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on the Budget. It has truly been an honor to serve on this committee for the last four years representing the people of California and our great Nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that in order to be seated on the platform, sitting Members of the 111th Congress must have an official pin, which they will be given as they leave the Chamber.

Members are advised there are no extra seats available on the platform. Therefore, only sitting Members will be seated on the platform. Under no circumstances will former Members, former House officers, spouses or children be able to join the procession or be seated on the platform.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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